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Genoa, March 5.

SINCE the seizing of Cardinal Alberoni, three Couriers have been dispatched by this State to the Pope. The Cardinal continues under a strict Guard, but is very much indispos'd, and has kept his Bed ever since he was seized.

Berne, March 6. On the 1st Instant the Committee appointed by this State to confer with the Deputies of Bienne, made their Report to the Sovereign Council of Two Hundred; which thereupon resolv'd to send a solemn Deputation to the Bishop of Porentru, to exhort him to come to an Agreement with his Subjects of Bienne, and to put an End to the Confusion Things are in at that Place by Reason of the Disagreement between the Prince and the People. This Deputation is to consist of four Members, viz. two of the Senate or Little Council, and two of the Sovereign Council of Two Hundred; and 'tis hoped it will produce a good Effect, the rather because they will have Orders to confer with the Bishop himself and his Chapter. These Deputies will set out from hence immediately after Easter. On the 29th past the Baron de Lubieres, Governour of Neufchatel, was seiz'd with a Fit of Apoplexy, of which he died in two Hours after. This Gentleman is much lamented, both at Neufchatel and in the Neighbouring Protestant Cantons, by Reason of his great Merit.

Stockholm, Feb. 20. The Queen has thought fit to change her Resolution of sending Count Taube and Count Gyllenborg to Brunswick, and has instead of them named Count Sparre, who is at present at the French Court, and Baron Stromfeldt, to be her Plenipotentiaries, together with M. Von Stahden, at the Congress to be held at the said Place. On the 17th Instant the Queen's Passport was sent to Copenhagen for Major General Lewenohr to repair hither, so that this Minister of the King of Denmark is expected here the next Week. The Queen has been pleased so far to mitigate the Sentence passed some Weeks ago on all the Officers that were in the Castle of Malstrand, when it was surrendered to the Danes, that their Lives are given them, but they are declared incapable of ever serving the Crown. The secret Committee of the States continue their Deliberations with great Application and Unanimity; they have hitherto only once summoned their whole Body to propose the Proportion of Taxes they find necessary to be raised this Year, but no Resolution is yet taken thereupon. On the 16th the Fiscal General laid before the States his Accusation against several Persons who had the Disposition of the Money and Effects which were found in the House of the late Baron Gortz when he was arrested, a great Part whereof it is said has been embezzeled, and Count Taube the Governour of this City is charged with having converted to his own Use the Value of 13000 Crowns. Yesterday Count Vandernath, Colleague of Baron Gortz, presented a very submissive Petition to the States, praying to be inlarged from the strict Arrest he has so long been under; but it does not appear they are inclined to allow him yet any more Liberty. An Account of the Damages done by the Muscovites in their last Summer's Invasion and Ravage, is now laid before the States, and amounts to above ten Millions of Rixdollars.

Berlin, March 9. The King of Prussia having entirely approved the Treaty between him and the Queen of Sweden, as it was settled by the Mediation of the Ministers of Great Britain and France at Stockholm; the Ratifications of it, in due Form, were sent from hence by Express the 24th of last Month.

Hague, March 15. The States of the Province of Holland have been assembled some Days, but have not yet made any Progress in the Affairs which they have had so long under their Deliberation. They have begun to Day to dispose of the vacant Employments; that of Bailif of this Place is given to M. de Bousselaer, who is of the Body of the Nobility: Our Magistrates had offered 500000 Gilders to be employed for the publick Service, on Condition that Office might for the future be left to their Disposal, but that Offer was rejected. Baron Ulner Envoy from the Elector Palatine, is arrived here to sollicit Payment of the Arrears due to the Palatine Troops who served in the last War. The Earl of Cadogan proposes to set out on the 18th Instant for the Court of Berlin.

Whitehall, March 11. This Morning the Right Honourable the Earl Stanhope set out for the Court of France.

Wine-Licence-Office, March 8, 1719.

His Majesty's Commissioners for managing the Duties arising from Wine Licences, give Notice, That constant Attendance is given, at their Office in Arundel-street in the Strand, for the Dispatch of the Business thereof, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, in the Forenoon, (except on such Days as may happen to be publick Holidays:) And whereas His Majesty's said Commissioners have received certain Information of divers Persons presuming to Retale Wine without Licence, and to whom Letters have been sent advertizing them of the Penalties incurr'd thereby: These are also to give Notice, That unless such Persons do speedily apply themselves to the said Commissioners, the Laws in such Cases made and provided will be forthwith put in Execution.

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